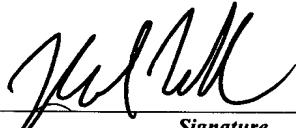


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: There are no amendments to the drawings in this paper.

Remarks: The "REMARKS" section begins on page 6 of this paper.